



**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 07, 2011
County Administration Center**

Voting Members Present

Hon. Cynthia Bashant; Mary Baum; Katherine Smith-Brooks; JoAnne Bushby; Jorge Cabrera; Danny Melgoza (for Supervisor Greg Cox); Margarita deRuyter; Michele Linley (for Bonnie Dumanis); Stephanie Trolinger (for Hon. Susan Golding); Greg Barnett (for William D. Gore); Laura Mustari (for Paula Guerra); Margarita Holguin; Dixie Galapon (for Margaret Iwanaga-Penrose); Mack Jenkins; Naomi Chavez (for Barbara Jimenez); Cindy Charron (for Sharon Lawrence); Tilisha Martin; Sandra McBrayer Candy Morales; Walter Philips; Emerald Randolph; Meredith Riffel; John Philips (for John Sansone); Michelle Soltero; Donald Stump; Loretta Middleton (for Randolph Ward); Daphyne Watson; Charles Wilson; Amethyst Cureg (for Wilma Wooten); Roseann Myers (for Debra Zanders-Willis)

Alternate Members Present

None

Visitors Present

Dr. Michelle Lustig (SDCOE); Anthony O'Boyle (San Diego Sheriff's Dept.); Kattie Atkins (IVAT); Richele Swagler (HHSA); Carolyn Levenberg (DLG-MCO); Judith Hogan Radke; Leticia Bravo (HHSA-CCS)

Staff Present

Renee Rambus, Harold Randolph

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Honorable Cynthia Bashant.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Presentations

CCYF Committee Updates – Chairs/Co-Chairs

LEAP Council

Sam Rigby, Program Coordinator, Leadership Empowers All Possibilities (LEAP) Council, gave an overview of the LEAP Council which is a subcommittee of Commission on Children, Youth and Families. LEAP is a youth leadership development program for former and current foster youth ages 13 and up. In December, the LEAP hosted a holiday ice skating activity with youth from the Mi Casa Group Homes. The current project is to

engage current and former foster youth living in transitional living homes, group homes or foster families in a dialog about their needs and experiences in our foster care system in the areas of education, permanency/family relationships and transition preparation and support. Mr. Rigby stated that to accomplish this task, the LEAP Council is hosting "Speakouts" with current and former foster youth. These speakouts are one-hour discussion sessions led by LEAP members on the topics previously mentioned. The information will be compiled into a report that will be used to support recommendations for ways to better support youth in care. Currently, "Speakouts" have been set up for Casey Family Programs, South Bay Community Services, Associated Residential Services, Walden Family Services, and Door of Hope. The LEAP Council is working on adding Polinsky, San Pasqual Academy, New Alternatives, the Foster Parent Association and the Bridges Group Homes to the list of "Speakouts". Another activity the LEAP Council is working on is the Video Project; to outreach to foster youth about LEAP and the benefits of becoming a member. LEAP Council flyers were disseminated with its logo and mission statement.

IV. Approval of the Minutes – November 5, 2010

Motion made by Michelle Soltero and seconded by Laura Mustari to accept the minutes of November 5, 2010 with the correction Under Action Item 2 Motion Required remove "and School District Superintendent as Commission Special Members". The motion passed unanimously.

V. Report from the Chair

No report. Judge Bashant wished everyone a Happy New Year.

VI. Action Items

A. Nomination and Approval to Fill Current Membership and Vacancies

1. Today's action will accept and approve for submission to and confirmation by the Board of Supervisors the following nominees to be added to the Commission membership:

School District Superintendent

Superintendent Larry Perondi, Oceanside Unified School District

American Academy of Pediatrics Representative

Dr. Gene Nathan, Medical Director

2. Motion Required

Motion made by Barbara Ryan and seconded by Sandra McBrayer to forward to the Board of Supervisors for consideration Larry Perondi, School District Superintendent and Gene Nathan, M.D., American Academy of Pediatrics Representative to be added to the Commission membership. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Nomination and election of Commission Vice-Chair

1. Today's action will call for nomination and election to fill the office of Commission Vice-Chair. A ballot was disseminated for voting purposes. JoAnne Bushby and Walter Philips were the nominees. Judge Bashant announced if anyone would like to nominate someone to add their name to the ballot. A ballot vote was completed and the results were to present Walter Philips for the Vice-Chair Position.

2. Motion Required

Motion made by Barbara Ryan and seconded by Sandra McBrayer to fill the office of Commission Vice-Chair with Walter Philips. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Fiscal Year 2011-12 Children's Trust Fund Spending Plan –Tonya Torosian, Executive Director, Commission on Children, Youth and Families.

Ms. Torosian disseminated the Spending plan and gave an overview of its contents. Welfare and Institutions Code 18966.1 established a Children's Trust Fund with revenue from birth certificate fees. Additional funding is from State Children's Trust Funds (specialized license plates) and Federal Community Based Family Resource Funding. The County Board of Supervisors designated the San Diego County Commission on Children, Youth and Families as the oversight entity for San Diego County. The Trust Fund Balance Spending is outlined below for Fiscal Year 2011/2012:

Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2011-12

Child Abuse Prevention Council Activities & Administrative Overhead *	\$130,000
Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Services	\$800,000
Legal Services	\$145,000
Child Abuse Prevention Fund	\$350,000
Mothers Impacted by Substance Abuse	\$99,967
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Total Expenditures	\$1,524,967

Presentation

A. Report on Services Funded by the Children's Trust Fund FY 2009-10 –Roseanne Myers

Roseanne Myers, Assistant Deputy Director, Child Welfare Services (CWS), gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Child Welfare component. Community Services for Families has three main components; it is primarily a home visiting contract with an evidence based home visiting program, Safe Care, case management, Parents Partners and parenting education. With Safe Care, United Way has given CWS a four year funding stream to bring an evidence based practice in San Diego by supporting trainings for staff. The United Way funding has enabled CWS to keep the number of clients served at a stable level while a new service is being implemented. Child Welfare reviews its Systems Improvement Plans every three years and in the three year cycle planning, CWS also reviews the Child Abuse Prevention Treatment and Intervention funds, the Child Abuse Community Resource funds and the Promoting Safe and Stable Families funds. These funding streams require a community input process, a report to the State and an update every three years. The State integrated the two processes - the Child Welfare Improvement process with the Community Based Funding Contract Cycles. The Diego Volunteer Lawyer Special Education Advocacy contract is also funded by the Children Trust Fund. The Volunteer Lawyers administer the services for dependents and take referrals from relative care givers who are not in the dependency system. The Voluntary Guardianship Services is an important community service that allows the support of families to obtain guardianship for those not in the dependency system. The Children Trust Fund is an important funding source that helps continue to provide services to children. The PowerPoint is available upon request for review.

1. Today's recommended action will approve the Children's Trust Fund Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2011-12 and forward the Plan to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

2. Motion Required

Motion made by Margarita de Ruyter and seconded by JoAnne Bushby to approve the Children's Trust Fund Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2011-12 and forward the Plan to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Recusals for the record: Laura Mustari, Walter Philips, Loretta Middleton, Naomi Chavez, Dixie Galapon, Donald Stump, Margarita Holguin, Charles Wilson, Mary Baum

VII. Presentations

CCYF Committee Updates – Chairs/Co-Chairs

Adolescent Alcohol and Other Drug Use Committee

Mary Baum, Chair reported:

- The Committee met on December 8, 2010.
- There were over 30 people in attendance from different areas of prevention, treatment, education, law enforcement and probation.
- The Committee reviewed CCYF Retreat material from July and discussed action steps developed by the focus group.
- The Committee regular meeting time is the 4th Tuesday of each month, 2:30 – 4:00 pm at 3255 Camino del Rio South, La Jolla Room, San Diego, CA.
- The Co-Chair is Susan Bower, Director, HHSA Alcohol and Drug Services.
- The Committee developed three action steps for future discussion:
 - Identify and leverage funds to address gaps in treatment and prevention services
 - Messaging – using social networks, youtube, schools, media. Parent and youth campaign
 - Early intervention – wraparound services for families and youth
- The next Committee meeting is Tuesday, January 25, 2011. All interested are welcome to attend.

Education Committee

Barbara Ryan, Co-Chair reported:

- Due to a prior commitment, Judge Willis, Chair, could not attend today's meeting, but will arrange to be at future meetings.
- The Committee is working on the goal "Reduce absenteeism or increase School Attendance in primary grades and to continue to serve in conjunction with the Foster Youth Services".
- The Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each odd month, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at County Office of Education, 6401 Linda Vista Road, Room 508, San Diego, CA
- The Committee members agreed that the Committee needed representation from general and regular education, and parent involvement.
- The Committee will continue to work on the Cross System Collaboration with schools to increase attendance along with San Diego County Probation Department, Child Welfare, San Diego Office of Education and other interested groups.

- The Committee will address disproportionality from the perspective of addressing minority students who are not attending school.
- Paula Ingram has been added to the committee as a representative for the Children's Initiative.

Transition Age Youth Committee

Carolyn Levenberg, Chair reported:

- The Committee has met several times to determine its goals:
 - Review and analyze data for strengths and gaps needs for current and former foster youth (ages 16-24)
 - Develop a white paper/report on findings with recommendations for addressing gaps (prioritized) Report Completed by 10/1/11
 - For 2012-13 implement recommended strategies in 12/31/11 report.
- The next meeting is Thursday, January 13, 2011, 3:00 - 4:30 pm.
- The regular schedule meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, Polinsky Pavilion, 9440 Ruffin Court, Rooms 15/16, San Diego, CA.
- The Committee agreed the problem is the poor outcomes from transitioning youth including homelessness.
- Developed an assessment tool to have the Dependency Attorneys get involved with reconciling with the agency's and the professionals working with youth on what we feel their plan is.
- AB12 (Legislation that would extend assistance to children in foster care until their 21st birthday as non minor dependents) will be presented at the next Committee meeting.

Child Abuse and Family Violence Prevention Committee

Tonya Torosian, Co-Chair reported:

- The Committee is bringing together professional and community members to look at the issues of both child abuse and other family and domestic violence.
- The Committee is in discussion of what is the best way to utilize committee members' time to effectively use their expertise and resources.
- Met with Dawn Griffin, Chair in December on how the Committee could rely on the strengths of both the Domestic Council and the Child Abuse and Family Violence Prevention Committee.
- The decision was to put forth trainings and support.
- There has been positive feedback on the Diversity Schoolhouse. These are trainings done about four times a year regarding cultural issues targeting frontline workers and individuals within the system.
- Review the trainings the Domestic Violence Council will provide at their monthly meetings and build on each other trainings efforts without duplicating.
- The Committee's focus will be on training and development around various issues on family violence.
- The Committee will also help with the planning of some of the activities around prevention messaging and community based activities.
- The Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, 8:00 – 9:30 am with rotating locations.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Written by Renee Rambus